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Lifelong Alaskan Art Hackney authors a piece about the increasing body of science against the Pebble Mine and disputes Pebble's constant contention that it doesn't have a mine plan. "Alaska law says that to file for the water rights, you have to have a mine plan. So, if Pebble does not have a mine plan -- as it states -- then it clearly must relinquish its claim to 100 percent of the waters of one of the greatest trophy rainbow trout streams in the world," Hackney writes.

He adds: "Plan A, Plan B, Plan C or any further iteration all have the same fatal flaw, that a large-scale metallic mineral mine in Bristol Bay's watershed headwaters will be unable to protect wild salmon, a resource that has greater long-term value than the minerals to be extracted."

Alaska Native Alannah Hurley pens an opinion piece about how the Alaska Department of Natural Resources eviscerated the management plan for Bristol Bay behind residents' backs, turning the area into a mining district. She writes: "The 2005 plan provides no protection for our subsistence resources, and reduced habitat safeguards in the 12 million acre planning area by an incredible 94 percent.

In fact, lands previously set aside for fish, wildlife and the protection of Bristol Bay's renewable resources became "prohibited uses" whenever they conflict with mining. This is a complete gutting of the original 1984 management plan, which balanced development and habitat conservation."

Lastly, the Bristol Bay Times continues a series on the comments made by the science review panel that examined the EPA's watershed assessment of Bristol Bay.

For more information, visit www.savebristolbay.org

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Compass: Tribal leaders fight DNR to preserve a way of life

Alannah Hurley

Anchorage Daily News

As our leaders gather at the 22nd annual Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Provider's Conference this week in Anchorage, I know they are tackling some of Alaska's toughest issues with our communities' best interest at heart...[Click here to read more](#)

Compass: Pebble backers persist in twisting truth

Art Hackney

Anchorage Daily News

In his Nov. 25 opinion piece, Jenkins blatantly ignores the increasing body of science against the development of Pebble Mine and framed the entire Pebble issue around one, new bit-piece in the Pebble story: that the world's only healthy fresh water seal population in Lake Iliamna is potentially threatened by Pebble development...[Click here to read more](#)

Scientists respond to EPA risk assessments

Carey Restino

The Bristol Bay Times

This is the third in a four-part series looking at responses to the Environmental Protection Agency's Draft Watershed Assessment of the Bristol Bay Region. In 2011, the EPA began an assessment of the Bristol Bay Region's watershed, in part in response to requests from stakeholders in the region, who were concerned about the potential impacts of the proposed Pebble Mine...[Click here to read more](#)

Lobbying, oversight in overdrive as EPA completes review, Nov. 27, 2012

Manuel Quinones

E&E

House Republicans are ramping up their scrutiny of U.S. EPA's review of the impacts of possible large-scale mining on natural resources in the Bristol Bay, Alaska, watershed. Critics of Pebble LP's potential gold and copper mine are hoping EPA can block or at least limit the project...[Click here to read more](#)

Experts Support EPA Finding of Potential Danger with Pebble Mine

Jessie Thomas-Blate

American Rivers Blog

Protecting the country's most special natural places is often a very challenging prospect, especially when those places overlap with resources that society deems particularly valuable. This is the case in Bristol Bay, which was highlighted on American Rivers' 2011 list of America's Most Endangered Rivers...[Click here to read more](#)

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